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4.1. The Foreign Gift Statute is one of the statutory exceptions to the normal gift limits applicable to Air Force personnel under DoD 5500.7-R, *Joint Ethics Regulation (JER)*, August 30, 1993, authorized by DoD Directive 5500.7, August 30, 1993. Consult your staff judge advocate (SJA) to determine the authority to retain a gift or if there is any question whether the Foreign Gift Statute applies. Procurement officials and security assistance personnel should always consult their SJA to ensure *Federal Acquisition Regulation* and procurement integrity legislation limits don't apply.

4.2. Minimal value is currently determined by the General Services Administration (GSA) to be \$260 or less. All personnel receiving gifts from representatives of foreign governments which are, or might be, above this threshold must consult their servicing SJA.

9. If the gift of travel or travel expenses does not fall within the definition of paragraph 4.3.2.1 of the basic AFI (that is, it takes place entirely outside the United States), then authority to accept travel benefits from a foreign government may be authorized under Title 31, *United States Code*, Section 1353, as implemented in the Joint Travel Regulations, Volume 2, *Department of Defense Civilian Personnel*, current edition, Chapter 4, Part Q, paragraphs C4900-C4908, or Joint Federal Travel Regulations, Volume 1, *Uniformed Service Members*, current edition, Chapter 7, Part W, paragraphs U7900-U7908, and DoD 5500.7-R, Chapter 4. Advance approval is required from your travel approval authority (supervisor) and the servicing SJA. A record of such benefits must be submitted to the SJA for the statutory semiannual

reporting requirements in DoD 5500.7-R, chapter 4-100. Use Standard Form 326, **Semiannual Report of Payments Accepted From a Non-Federal Source**, to make these reports.

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